

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”

**Thursday, March 10, 2011
7:30 P.M.**

★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

★ ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Jim Durkin, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin

NOT PRESENT:

Trustee Anne Bermier
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

★ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews noted that Trustee Bermier is not present for the Board meeting due to a prior commitment with her class in Springfield.

Mayor Andrews reported that two sections of the Indian Head Park Municipal Code, *Title 15, Buildings and Construction* as well as *Title 17, Zoning* are now available on the Village's Website for reference purposes. He also noted that the Village's community cable access channel has information for residents regarding a seminar on how to file an appeal on property taxes. The seminar is being hosted by Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick and a County Board of Review Commissioner.

Mayor Andrews noted that he and Trustees Coleman and Schnauffer have attended Joliet Road taskforce meetings with various local municipal representatives and Illinois Department of Transportation representatives regarding the state settlement of 40 million dollars with Vulcan Materials concerning the closure of Joliet Road. He noted that the bulk of the settlement will be distributed to communities directly affected by the closure of Joliet Road but other communities in the area have some projects planned with proceeds from the settlement. Mayor Andrews noted if Indian Head Park receives a share of the funds from the State, a right turn lane from Wolf Road onto Joliet Road going north and southbound is proposed as well as a turn lane on Plainfield Road to Wolf Road. He further noted that gravel trucks use Joliet Road to access I-55 and improvements on that road are needed.

Mayor Andrews stated that he and Board Members and the Village Clerk attended the annual West Central Municipal Conference Legislative Breakfast. He noted that local municipal representatives discussed preserving the local government share of revenue that comes from the state back to the municipalities. Mayor Andrews stated that he attended a reception for Congressman Lipinski and had an opportunity to talk to the Congressman to discuss help on the local level to deal with the financial crunch and if there is anything the Federal Government could do to help with street programs and repairs. Mayor Andrews stated he asked Congressman Lipinski if there are any low interest loan programs at the Federal level for municipalities. He noted that Congressman Lipinski mentioned that the Highway Transportation Bill is in the process of being reviewed to determine if there are any funding programs available for street programs and possibly low interest loans for local street improvements may be available.

Mayor Andrews reported that he received a letter from the Executive Director at Argonne National Laboratory who pointed out that the current funding cutback proposals being acted upon in Congress would cost Argonne Labs about 110 million dollars in reduced funding which may result in the layoffs of about 1,000 employees at Argonne.

★ **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Arbor Day Proclamation

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Carried by unanimous voice vote. (5/0/1).

★ **FINANCIAL REPORT - TREASURER STEVE BUSA**

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending February 28, 2011

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2011. For the month of February, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$193,026.14; (2) expenditures were \$325,618.82 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of February were \$569,704.85.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2011 as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: Bermier

★ **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - February 10, 2011

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the February 10, 2011 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

★ **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding 2010 Census

Mayor Andrews stated that the U.S. Census Bureau reported that the population for Indian Head Park is 3,809 which is 124 more people counted since the last census in the year 2000. He noted the total number of housing units is 1,928, total occupied housing units is 1,806 with 122 vacant housing units. Mayor Andrews stated based on the current population statistics the Village of Indian Head Park would receive about an additional \$15,000 from state shared revenue sources. He noted that a list of new housing units in Indian Head Park since the 2000 Census was prepared by the Building Department. He noted there were at least an additional ninety-two (92) new housing units since the 2000 Census. He noted based on those figures with an average of 2.2 people per household would be about 184 more residents.

Mayor Andrews stated that he hoped the vacant housing units would also be filled and if the population was at about 4,000 residents the Village would receive more revenue from state shared sources based on the higher population statistics. Mayor Andrews stated that he would contact the U.S. Census Bureau to determine what areas were included in the census count for Indian Head Park to be sure everyone was counted and also how to file an appeal on the census count. Mayor Andrews stated that there is a cost involved to appeal the census count, it must be determined if it is beneficial to the Village to pursue an appeal and further analysis of the census process is needed.

★ QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Andrews read the following letter into the record that was received from Jane Kuhn: *“Dear President and Board of Indian Head Park, we are all cognizant of the money crunch in Indian Head Park and the entire country. The Heritage House Library is in disrepair. However, I can tell you do not have the money to landscape and paint. I am suggesting an alternative. There are a bunch of gardeners that live in Indian Head Park that may be willing to take a bed around the outside of the library to plant some flowers. If we cannot clean up the outside of the Heritage Center, maybe we can make the surrounding landscape more pleasant. With your permission, this could be a silk purse from a sow’s ear”*. Mayor Andrews noted that Jane Kuhn is looking for volunteers who are interested in helping with the garden areas at the Heritage Center. Mayor Andrews stated that he would respond accordingly to Jane Kuhn to approve volunteers to plant flower beds at the Heritage Center property if there are no objections from the Board .

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of specific employees and Section 2 (c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act to review closed session meeting minutes as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: Bermier

RETURN TO THE OPEN MEETING

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to return to the regular Board meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:45 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary